

David Elliot, Citizen of the Year, is an outstanding citizen for the community of Taos. The progress and change he fostered during the pandemic are a beautiful example of the power of love for community. The world is a better place because of the work he's done. It was my honor to invite David to President Biden's State of the Union address to Congress, and I appreciate him inviting me to hear the stories of many of New Mexico's other unsung heroes. I look forward to seeing the incredible things he continues to do.

After listening and meeting with them, my heart is filled with inspiration and hope. It is their passion and the passion of so many more that bring peace, prosperity, and harmony to our beloved communities.

HONORING THE LIFE AND PATRIOTIC SERVICE OF MARION E. WRIGHT

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commemorate the life of Marion E. Wright. On January 5, 2022, Marion peacefully entered the gates of glory and is survived by his sister Ula Defenbaugh, his six children and their spouses, fifty-seven grandchildren, thirty-four great-grandchildren, and thirteen great-great-grandchildren.

Marion was born on June 26, 1921 to Noel and Lorena Wright in Parsons, Kansas. While stationed in Sioux City, Iowa with the United States Army he was joined in marriage to his wife Marcella (Durgan) Wright on August 8, 1943. From July of 1942 to December of 1945, Marion faithfully and patriotically served his nation which was in the midst of the Second World War. Not only did he serve as a Military Policeman but, he was also deployed to Europe in 1945 where he was a Gunner on a halftrack and a Tank Operator. Marion would fondly recall meeting Jimmy Stewart who was training to fly B-52s in Sioux City. On his return home from deployment in Europe, Marion crossed the Atlantic on the famous troopship, *The Queen Mary*.

At home after the war, Marion could be found working the field, restoring antique furniture, or joyfully attending to the needs of his beautiful wife and children. Marion had a career at Kustom Electronics where he worked in the shipping department. As a member of the American Legion, he remained close to many of his brothers in arms in the years after the war.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capital to recognize Marion E. Wright's patriotism and devotion to God, Family, and Country. Furthermore, Madam Speaker, I extend my personal condolences to the Wright family for the loss of such an extraordinary man of service and duty. May God rest the soul of this great American.

CONGRATULATING AUSTIN HUFF FOR WINNING THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS STATE BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Austin Huff on winning the Special Olympics State Bowling Championship.

In the state championship, Austin bowled 89, 71, and 75 to win the gold. I am pleased to see Austin representing the Rock Island community in the Special Olympics. I congratulate Austin on his win at the state championship, and I commend him for his good sportsmanship and exciting win at the state championship.

It is because of inspirational people such as Austin Huff that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Austin Huff on his win at the Special Olympics State Bowling Championship.

IN MEMORY OF REVEREND LAWRENCE IRVING SLATER SR.

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and accomplishments of Reverend Lawrence Irving Slater, Sr.—a pillar of our Fort Worth community.

Reverend Slater was a graduate of Como High School in Fort Worth, Texas before serving as a brave member of the United States Army and then graduating from Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth. Reverend Slater was a man of faith who proudly served our community through his preaching tenure at Strangers Rest Baptist Church and as an Associate Pastor at Greater Rising Star Baptist Church.

My thoughts and prayers are with all those who knew and loved Reverend Slater, particularly his wife, Lessie Slater, and his five children, Diana Lynn Wright, Shirley Thomas, Kathy Slater, Lisa Holmes, and Lawrence Slater, Jr. May his memory last forever.

2021 ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the importance of service academy nominations in Indiana's Sixth District. Every year, my office has the honor of nominating students to the various service academies throughout the country. The Academies demand the best of the best. In November, we had 13 bright high school students throughout Indiana's Sixth District interview for service academy nominations. I'd like to thank my Service Academy Advisory Board for taking

the time out of their day to interview these students:

Tom Schneider, Merchant Marine Academy graduate of Madison, Indiana;

Kelly Poltrack, Naval Academy graduate of Batesville, Indiana;

Nate LaMar, West Point graduate of New Castle, Indiana; and

Bob Morrow, Air Force Academy graduate of Centerville, Indiana.

I wish our service academy nominees the best of luck with their future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JOHN MADDEN

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of one of football's greatest icons, John Madden. First, I would like to extend my sincere condolences to Virginia, Joseph, Michael, and the entire Madden family on the loss of their beloved husband, father, and grandfather who left such an indelible mark on our Las Vegas Raiders and the American football landscape. John Madden once said, "If you think about it, I've never held a job in my life. I went from being an NFL player to a coach to a broadcaster. I haven't worked a day in my life." While he may not have felt he worked a day in his life, Mr. Madden certainly accomplished a lot and helped others do the same.

As a young man, he recognized the importance of an education and utilized his football prowess to pursue his dreams. His grit and determination on both the offense and defense at Cal Poly were recognized by pro scouts and he was drafted into the National Football League (NFL). Unfortunately, his professional playing time was cut short by injuries, but this was only the first step in a stellar career.

Initially hired as a defensive coach, after two years with the Raiders organization he was promoted to head coach at 32 years of age, making him the youngest NFL coach ever to lead a team. Over the next decade, his Raiders teams personified owner Al Davis's motto, "Just win, baby." Under Madden's inspired leadership, the Raiders won seven Western Division titles and made eight playoff appearances in 10 years. Mr. Madden's team defeated the Minnesota Vikings led by Fran Tarkenton, 32-14, in Super Bowl XI, when he cleared the Raider bench to be sure every active player saw game action. Afterwards, Madden was memorably carried off the field on his players' shoulders and commented, "I'll never take off the Super Bowl ring. It's something I will always cherish." Along with owner Davis, five of the Raider players would later be inducted into the Football Hall of Fame. Madden would join them in 2006. Today he still holds the highest winning percentage of any coach who has won 100 or more games.

Mr. Madden's players respected his vision, elevating their play and creating a style all their own. They raised the competitive level of the game and set the standard that many teams still try to emulate today. Their loyal fans, Raider Nation, also personify defiance, struggle, and the will to win. During his tenure he also made great strides in diversifying the

game, working with scouts to find minority talent where many had not searched before and providing new avenues to stardom that many had not dreamed possible.

Following his retirement in 1979, Madden entered the broadcast booth. He had a way with words that synched perfectly with his longtime play-by-play partners, Pat Summerall and Al Michaels. Mr. Madden brought an astute balance to their relationships in the booth, redefining the color commentator role for all sports and painting a picture the audience could truly understand that added to their game watching experience.

Coach Madden once noted he wished to live out the story of one of his favorite books, *Travels with Charley: In Search of America* by John Steinbeck. Mr. Madden's fear of flying made this dream possible, as he crisscrossed our country by bus during the season to ensure he was able to call games in person from coast to coast. Traveling around the country in the "Madden Cruiser," he connected with countless football fans all over the United States. Many of the Americans he met along the way had been introduced to the game of football by his booming voice on TV or his namesake video game; and Madden was always generous with his time, sharing stories with fans of all ages.

John Madden's legacy will live on in the words spoken by Raiders' owner Mark Davis as he lit the torch at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas on December 28, 2021, "The fire that burns the brightest in the Raiders Organization is the will to win."

RECOGNIZING FRANK W.
ZARDECKI FOR HIS 62 YEARS OF
SERVICE TO THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Frank W. Zardecki for his 62 years of service to our country. A veteran of the United States Air Force, he has served as the Deputy Commander of Tobyhanna Army Depot for 32 years, supporting the organization and the 4,000 personnel who perform diversified logistics, administrative, and related support missions. On January 6, Frank was honored for his contributions and achievements in the role.

Frank answered the call of duty and joined the United States Air Force in 1960 and served until 1964. On January 4, 1966, he began working as an electronic test equipment repairer at the Tobyhanna Army Depot. In 1972, he was promoted to his first supervisory role in the avionics branch, and by 1976, he was named a general foreman.

From 1982 to 1984, Frank served as the Depot's first Force Modernization Officer. He served as Chief of the Production Engineering Department, chosen for his experience, technical ability, and managerial skills. In 1985 and 1986, he was selected by DESCOM, the two-star headquarters command, for a special assignment as the Civilian Executive Assistant at the Sierra Army Depot in California, where he was responsible for directing the ammunition and special weapons missions performed at

the instillation. When he returned, he was promoted as the Chief of the Shops Division in the Maintenance Directorate. In 1988 and 1989, he served as the Deputy Director of Maintenance.

In December 1990, he received a temporary promotion to Acting Deputy Commander, and in June 1991, he was permanently installed in the role, beginning his three-decade tenure in the position, making him the longest-serving Deputy Commander in Tobyhanna Army Depot history. The Depot has thrived under Frank's direction, transitioning from a traditional repair depot to a state-of-the-art logistics service center that provides comprehensive maintenance, repair engineering, and logistics services for the entire Department of Defense as well as thousands of jobs in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Secretary of the Army named Tobyhanna Army Depot the Center for Industrial and Technical Excellence for Communications, Electronics, Avionics, and Missile Guidance and Control Systems. The Department of Defense has also recognized the Depot with the Robert T. Mason Depot Maintenance Excellence Award, and the Depot has been the recipient of seven Shingo Awards for manufacturing excellence.

For his efforts and expertise, Frank has been called to serve on numerous Department of the Army and Department of Defense special studies on military logistics, and he is widely recognized as a leader in depot maintenance. Throughout his career, Frank has received many awards for his contributions to the field. He has received the Department of Defense Exceptional Civilian Service Award, two Department of the Army Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service Awards, the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, four Superior Civilian Service Awards, the Commander's Award for Civilian Service, and other performance and special service awards.

I am honored to join Tobyhanna Army Depot in recognizing Frank for his six decades of service to the nation as a veteran of the United States Air Force and dedicated public servant at the Tobyhanna Army Depot. Frank has been instrumental in the growth and success of the Depot, and we are grateful for his vision and dedication. I wish him the best in his retirement.

CELEBRATING ELEANOR HENLEY ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th Birthday of World War II veteran and Peoria, Illinois resident Eleanor Henley.

Born on January 2, 1922 in Kunkletown, Pennsylvania, Eleanor devoted her life to fighting for our country and helping others reach their potential. She enlisted in the Women's Army Corps in 1944, completing her basic training in Oglethorpe, Georgia. After stopping at different bases across the country for supplementary job and overseas trainings, she earned an assignment to the Army Air Force. Climbing aboard the troop transport ship, the *Aquitania*, she sailed across the Atlantic Ocean to join her fellow American soldiers at

a base near Cambridge, England. She was a member of the 8th Air Force, better known as The Mighty Eighth. While stationed there, she typed and decoded messages as she helped provide intelligence to boost the Allies' efforts on the ground until Germany's surrender. She was then transferred to France and was eventually discharged as Sergeant Eleanor Henley, traveling back stateside on the *Queen Mary*. She married her husband, whom she met while serving, Conrad Stewart, soon after returning home. They were together for 63 years until his death, raising three children, 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Looking for new ways to continue serving her community, she graduated from Peabody College with a degree in education. She relocated to Illinois shortly thereafter and became a teacher in Peoria Public Schools District 150, where she mentored and uplifted students for 28 years.

It is because of heroic, selfless, and trail-blazing leaders such as Eleanor Henley that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to, again, formally celebrate Eleanor Henley on her 100th Birthday and thank her for her service to the United States of America.

CELEBRATING LEARNED DAVIS BARRY'S LEGAL CAREER

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate Mr. Learned Davis Barry on the occasion of his retirement.

Mr. Barry has deep ties to the Commonwealth of Virginia. He earned his B.A. from the University of Virginia, his J.D. from the University of Richmond Law School, and was admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth on May 21, 1974, almost 50 years ago.

Mr. Barry's commitment to service has been a hallmark of his legal career. He followed in his father's footsteps by registering for military service, serving as an Air Force JAG officer for four years following his graduation from law school. Over the next forty-four years of Mr. Barry's career, he served as a prosecutor in the Richmond Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, the Henrico Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, and the Chesterfield Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.

As he progressed throughout his career, Mr. Barry took on increasingly robust and challenging roles as a public servant. He served as the Special Prosecutor responsible for running the multi-jurisdictional Grand Jury for the City of Richmond and the counties of Henrico and Chesterfield. When he returned to the Richmond Commonwealth's Attorney's Office in the early 2000s, Mr. Barry created a "Murder Program" in the office, focusing on the successful investigation and prosecution of homicides in Richmond. This work resulted in a high clearance rate for murder cases in the City of Richmond, including the infamous murder of the Harvey family on New Year's Day 2006.

However, Mr. Barry's most lasting legacy is the impact he has had on the hundreds of